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1. (Once Amended) A magnetic head device comprising:

a base member;

15 a thin-film magnetic head which is in contact with the base member and is accommodated in a non-magnetic layer, with a magnetic gap being exposed, wherein the thin-film magnetic head comprises a lower yoke, a magnetoresistive element, an upper yoke, and electrode terminals;

an auxiliary member which sandwiches the non-magnetic layer between the auxiliary member and the base member; and

a slider surface on which magnetic tape slides in one of a first direction along which the base member, the non-magnetic layer, and the auxiliary member are arranged, and a second direction which is inclined at a predetermined angle to the first direction.

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